

LASELL UNIVERSITY  
ONE HUNDRED SEVENTIETH  
ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

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Friday, May Tenth  
Two Thousand Twenty-Four  
Five O'Clock





## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO THE CLASS OF 2024

Today, we join with your families, friends, and mentors to celebrate all that you have accomplished during your time at Lasell University. Together, we honor your persistence, your dedication, and your commitment to excellence. By pursuing an advanced degree, you have set the stage for an expanded future.

Today, I encourage you to take a moment for yourself, for it is important to mark these important milestones in our lives.

Before this special day ends, look around and say thank you to all those whose support has been invaluable. Consider where you have been and where you are going, and connect the dots from past to present.

As Lasell alumni, you are now on a new path, one that will present tremendous opportunities and myriad challenges. But you are ready.

Congratulations and Forever Forward,  
Eric M. Turner H '13

# ORDER OF EXERCISES: FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2024

## **FACULTY MARSHAL**

Brian Frasier, Associate Professor of Mathematics

## **NATIONAL ANTHEM**

## **INVOCATION/WORDS OF GRATITUDE**

Rabbi Herman J. Blumberg, Lasell Village Resident

## **INTRODUCTORY REMARKS**

President Eric M. Turner, H '13

## **GRADUATE STUDENT ADDRESS**

Bekah Elisabeth Belle, Master of Science in Human Resources

## **ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES**

Andre Dubus III

## **CONFERRAL OF HONORARY DEGREE**

Presented by President Eric M. Turner, H '13

## **CONFERRAL OF DEGREES**

Gerry DeRoche, Chair, Board of Trustees

Dr. Chrystal D. Porter, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs

Eric M. Turner, H '13, President

## **READING OF GRADUATE NAMES**

Janet Huetteman, Associate Professor of Marketing/Management

## **WELCOME REMARKS TO NEW ALUMNI**

Sally Jean-Baptiste '12, President, Lasell University Alumni Association

## **SINGING OF THE ALMA MATER**

Please rise. See page 14 for lyrics.

## **BENEDICTION/WORDS OF HOPE**

Rabbi Herman J. Blumberg, Lasell Village Resident

## **RECESSIONAL**

Please remain seated until the graduates have recessed.

Immediately following the Commencement ceremony, graduates and their families are welcome to join us for a reception in the Athletic Center gym.

Flowers given to graduates are compliments of the Lasell University Alumni Association.

**Please turn off or silence all cell phones and electronic devices during the ceremony.**

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ANDRE DUBUS III



Andre Dubus III is the accomplished author of nine books, including *The New York Times* bestsellers *House of Sand and Fog* and *The Garden of Last Days*, and his memoir, *Townie*. His work has been included in *The Best American Essays* and *The Best Spiritual Writing* anthologies. *House of Sand and Fog* was a finalist for the National Book Award and was made into an Academy Award-nominated feature film. His 2013 novella collection, *Dirty Love*, was listed as a “Notable Book” by *The Washington Post* and *The New York Times*. His novel, *Gone So Long*, was named one of *The Boston Globe’s* “Twenty Best Books of

2018” and Amazon’s “Best Books of 2018, Top 100.” His most recent novel, *Such Kindness*, was recognized by Amazon as one of the best books of 2023.

Dubus has been a finalist for the National Book Award and received a Guggenheim Fellowship, National Magazine Award for Fiction, two Pushcart Prizes, and an American Academy of Arts and Letters Award in Literature. A faculty member at the University of Massachusetts Lowell, his books have been published in more than 25 languages.

## **GRADUATE RECOGNITION AWARDS**

The Office of Graduate and Professional Studies recognizes students annually for demonstrated academic excellence, professional achievement, and campus engagement. Students are selected as outstanding representatives within their respective degree programs.

Joann Elizabeth Bohorquez.....	Master of Education in Moderate Disabilities
Raymond Overton Bruno.....	Master of Science in Sport Management
Ashley Marie DiBattista.....	Master of Science in Sport Management
Isabella R. Fernandez.....	Master of Science in Rehabilitation Science
Sophia Reilly Harrington.....	Master of Science in Communication
Joshua Fischer Isaac.....	Master of Science in Athletic Training
Abigail A. Langevin.....	Master of Science in Athletic Training
Alexis Lyn Masse.....	Master of Business Administration
Amber Danielle Miller.....	Master of Science in Applied Sports Science Analytics
Lian Cassidy Painchaud.....	Master of Education in Moderate Disabilities
Cinthia G. Rincon Siller.....	Master of Science in Communication
Donnell Stoute.....	Master of Education in Moderate Disabilities
Andrea Arango Villada.....	Master of Science in Communication

## **NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE HONOR SOCIETY: ALPHA PHI SIGMA**

In recognition of this achievement, students are given the option to wear a royal blue and gold cord.

John F. Alves

John James Fitzgerald

James Michael Sullivan-Venezia

# LASELL UNIVERSITY DEGREES GRANTED

## BACHELOR'S COMPLETION DEGREES

**FOULEMATOU DAMBA JOSEPH** ..... Bachelor of Science, Business Administration  
Randolph, MA

**MICHELLE KAREN HUBBARD**..... Bachelor of Science, Business Administration  
Wrentham, MA

**LOVELY PIERRE** ..... Bachelor of Science, Business Administration  
Boston, MA

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

**CHRISTINA BURBANK ALEJANDRE**..... Human Resources  
Dedham, MA

**SAMARI DAVID AUGUSTE** ..... Business Administration  
East Wareham, MA

**MORGAN BRITTNEY AUSTIN**..... Business Administration  
Brockton, MA

**GABE T. BAST** ..... Business Administration  
Red Deer, Alberta, Canada

**ANTHONY BERRY** ..... Project Management  
Roxbury, MA

**MATTHEW ANTON BISCHOF** ..... Business Administration  
North Waltham, MA

**STEFAN ROBERT CECCHERINI** ..... Marketing  
Melrose, MA

**JOHN PAUL CHAVES** ..... Business Administration  
Burlington, MA

**KYLE DAVENPORT**..... Business Administration  
Harrisville, RI

**MICHELLE EILEEN DONNELLY**..... Project Management  
Medfield, MA

**ADRIMELY FERNANDES BORGES**..... Healthcare Management  
Quincy, MA

**MD ZAKIR HOSSAIN**..... Business Administration  
Woodside, NY

**GOKUL DAS PRAVEEN BABU KULAYAN MAHENDRAN**..... Business Administration  
Sivakasi, India

**ROSALINDA LAGOS** ..... Project Management  
Dorchester, MA

**FUN YEE LAU**.....Business Administration  
Quincy, MA

**ALEXIS LYN MASSE** .....Business Administration  
Woonsocket, RI

**MATTHEW G. MCLEOD**.....Business Administration  
Mississauga, Ontario, Canada

**CONCETTA GRACE NICOLORO**.....Sustainable Fashion Operations  
East Somerville, MA

**TIMOTHY AHTHIT NOKEO** .....Business Administration  
Amherst, MA

**MARTINE FABIOLA PIERRE-LOUIS** .....Project Management  
Malden, MA

**CAITLIN MEAGAN REYNOLDS**.....Human Resources  
Kensington, MD

**MICHELLE LEE ROGERS** .....Business Administration  
Mansfield, MA

**JANCI SOTO** .....Project Management  
Lawrence, MA

**CAROLINE JEAN ST. CROIX** .....Business Administration  
Lowville, NY

**DANIEL TEDESCO** .....Business Administration  
Barrie, Ontario, Canada

**CHRISTINA GRACE TOBIN**.....Project Management  
Mooresville, NC

**KELSEY LOUISA TURNER**.....Sustainable Fashion Operations  
Dayton, OH

**GABRIELLE A. VISO** .....Project Management  
Chincoteague, VA

**ARIEL JENNIE WALMARK** .....Sustainable Fashion Operations  
Boston, MA

## **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CURRICULUM, LEADERSHIP, AND INCLUSION**

**BETSY ROBINSON BURT**.....Curriculum, Leadership, and Inclusion  
Sherborn, MA

**KATHERINE ELISE DABY** .....Special Education  
North Attleboro, MA

**SHAGHAYEGH GHAZIZADEH**.....Curriculum, Leadership, and Inclusion  
Newton, MA

**KANAK MANAV GUPTA**.....Elementary Literacy  
Brea, CA

**COLETTE M. LEGENDRE**.....Curriculum, Leadership, and Inclusion  
West Roxbury, MA

## **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION**

**ANNA WESTON HANESIAN**.....Elementary Education  
Boston, MA

## **MASTER OF EDUCATION IN MODERATE DISABILITIES**

**BREANNA PATRICA BARRETT** .....Moderate Disabilities  
Hyannis, MA

**JOANN ELIZABETH BOHORQUEZ** .....Moderate Disabilities  
Marshfield, MA

**BRIDGET FRANCES BYRNE**.....Moderate Disabilities  
Weymouth, MA

**DAVID EXE**.....Moderate Disabilities  
Everett, MA

**JENNA ROSE GRASSO** .....Moderate Disabilities  
Agawam, MA

**EKTA MEHROTRA** .....Moderate Disabilities  
Kolkata, India

**KAYLA MACKENZIE MONAGHAN**.....Moderate Disabilities  
Dedham, MA

**LIAN CASSIDY PAINCHAUD** .....Moderate Disabilities  
Middleton, MA

**HANNAH MARIE PAULO**.....Moderate Disabilities  
Andover, MA

**ISABELLA RICHARD**.....Moderate Disabilities  
Strafford, NH

**DONNELL STOUTE** .....Moderate Disabilities  
Boston, MA

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN APPLIED SPORTS SCIENCE ANALYTICS**

**ALLAN CHRISTLER BELLEVUE**.....Applied Sports Science Analytics  
Brockton, MA

**BROOKE MELANIE DAMBOISE**.....Applied Sports Science Analytics  
Bolton, CT

**NICHOLAS JOHN ANTHONY DiLELLO**.....Applied Sports Science Analytics  
Essex Junction, VT



**BRIANNA LAKEN GENDREAU**..... Applied Sports Science Analytics  
Warren, RI

**ZACHARY CLAUDE KORTEN**..... Applied Sports Science Analytics  
South Bend, IN

**GABRIANNA ELIZABETH MATTHEWS**..... Applied Sports Science Analytics  
Canton, MA

**AMBER DANIELLE MILLER**..... Applied Sports Science Analytics  
Wethersfield, CT

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ATHLETIC TRAINING**

**JOSHUA FISCHER ISAAC**..... Athletic Training  
Ridgefield, CT

**HARRIS JAWAD** ..... Athletic Training  
Somerset, NJ

**ABIGAIL A. LANGEVIN**..... Athletic Training  
Warwick, RI

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMMUNICATION**

**ANDREA ARANGO VILLADA**..... Digital Media  
Cali, Colombia

**SOPHIA REILLY HARRINGTON**..... Negotiations and Conflict Resolution  
Raynham, MA

**SABRINA MAE LEBLANC**..... Digital Media  
Loudon, NH

**KIMBERLEY RUFARO MAROWA**..... Negotiations and Conflict Resolution  
Harare, Zimbabwe

**ABDUL H. NOOR**..... Health Communication  
Brookline, MA

**CINTHIA G. RINCON SILLER**..... Public Relations  
Saltillo, México

**NICHOLAS STEPHEN BLESSED ROSENBLUM**..... Digital Media  
Syracuse, NY

**HAMZA GOKALP YILMAZ** ..... Digital Media  
Istanbul, Turkey

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

**JOHN F. ALVES**..... Criminal Justice  
Boston, MA

**MIA FIDALGO ANDRADE**..... Criminal Justice  
Braintree, MA

**MICHAEL STEVEN ANDRADE**.....Criminal Justice  
Hyde Park, MA

**MICHAEL ANTHONY ASSAD JR.**.....Criminal Justice  
North Attleboro, MA

**HAMINTON BALTHAZAR**.....Criminal Justice  
Hyde Park, MA

**ELIZABETH ANNE BAUCH**.....Criminal Justice  
Coventry, CT

**TYLER LEWIS BOWMAN**.....Emergency and Crisis Management  
Brighton, MA

**JOSEPH CAGGIANO**.....Homeland Security and Global Justice  
East Boston, MA

**JAMIE NICOLE CAHILL**.....Criminal Justice  
Allston, MA

**JEFFREY BRYAN CALLAHAN**.....Homeland Security and Global Justice  
Milton, MA

**SURAYA CARNAKIE-BROWN**.....Emergency and Crisis Management  
Brockton, MA

**MARK JOSEPH CASSINO**.....Criminal Justice  
Dorchester, MA

**LUCIANO CIRINO AYUSO**.....Criminal Justice  
Hyde Park, MA

**MADELINE ANNE COOPER**.....Violence Prevention and Advocacy  
Anchorage, AK

**MASSIMO CARLO CUGNO**.....Homeland Security and Global Justice  
Medford, MA

**CLAUDE NATHANIEL DEFAY**.....Criminal Justice  
Hyde Park, MA

**RYAN WILLIAM DIMARE**.....Emergency and Crisis Management  
Medford, MA

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Allston, MA

**MATTHEW FARLEY**.....Criminal Justice  
Boston, MA

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West Roxbury, MA

**JOHN MICHAEL FLAHERTY**.....Criminal Justice  
Boston, MA

**ASTRID GONZALEZ**.....Criminal Justice  
Roxbury, MA

**JAMES THOMAS GORMAN** ..... Criminal Justice  
Boston, MA

**BROOKE EMILY GREENFIELD** ..... Criminal Justice  
Esterro, FL

**ANDREW J. GUERINI** ..... Criminal Justice  
Dorchester, MA

**JESSICA MARY HAYES** ..... Criminal Justice  
Dorchester, MA

**DECLAN GERARD HEALY** ..... Criminal Justice  
Newton, MA

**KAILEY LOUISE JACOBS** ..... Criminal Justice  
Dorchester, MA

**NELSON FRANK KADEY II** ..... Criminal Justice  
Boston, MA

**PHILIP J. KEARNEY** ..... Criminal Justice  
Boston, MA

**JULIE MARIE KEELER** ..... Criminal Justice  
Dorchester, MA

**McKENSIE CATHERINE LENNON** ..... Emergency and Crisis Management  
Jamestown, RI

**RAYMOND LIANG** ..... Homeland Security and Global Justice  
Boston, MA

**BRIAN JOSEPH McDERMOTT** ..... Criminal Justice  
Braintree, MA

**JASON MATTHEW McKENNA** ..... Emergency and Crisis Management  
Hyde Park, MA

**ADAM STEWART NAHABEDIAN** ..... Criminal Justice  
Newton, MA

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Norwood, MA

**JARET IAN PETRIE** ..... Criminal Justice  
Milford, CT

**JOSEPH LORENZO PETRUZZIELLO** ..... Criminal Justice  
Boston, MA

**STEPHEN EMIL PUOPOLO** ..... Criminal Justice  
Norwell, MA

**NICHOLAS ANTOINE ROCHON** ..... Criminal Justice  
Dorchester, MA

**SEAN MICHAEL ROONEY** ..... Criminal Justice  
Norwell, MA

- WILLIAM RYAN** ..... Criminal Justice  
Dorchester, MA
- JAMES MICHAEL SULLIVAN-VENEZIA** ..... Criminal Justice  
West Roxbury, MA
- KAYLA KALIA THOMAS** ..... Criminal Justice  
Randolph, MA
- SAMANTHA THOMPSON** ..... Violence Prevention and Advocacy  
Boston, MA
- DANIEL TRAINOR** ..... Criminal Justice  
Belmont, MA
- STEVE VALERIO** ..... Criminal Justice  
Fall River, MA

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN HUMAN RESOURCES**

- BEKAH ELISABETH BELLE** ..... Human Resources Management  
Arlington, TX
- BRIANNA HOFFMAN** ..... Human Resources Management  
Londonderry, NH
- ESPERANCE ROMILLY NOUSSI TOUKAM** ..... Human Resources Management  
Yaounde, Cameroon
- MONICA QUINTERO MUNOZ** ..... Human Resources Management  
Bogota, Colombia
- TAYLOR MICHELLE TAVARES** ..... Human Resources Management  
Attleboro, MA

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INTEGRATED MARKETING COMMUNICATION**

- DENISE MATULIS DELUCIA** ..... Integrated Marketing Communication  
Walpole, MA
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Tlalpan, México

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT**

- JI YOUNG BYUN** ..... Hospitality Event Management  
Seoul, South Korea

**NICOLE CAROLANN HORTON** .....Hospitality Event Management  
Centerview, NC

**ANXHELA MILJA** .....Hospitality Event Management  
Tirana, Albania

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MARKETING**

**FAITH RAE COSTA** ..... Marketing  
New Bedford, MA

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Framingham, MA

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Halkali Ataken, Turkey

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Bedford, NH

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Turner, ME

**JACQUELINE MINASIAN** ..... Marketing  
Lexington, MA

**HANNAH MARY ROSE** ..... Marketing  
Oneonta, NY

**OLIVIA ELEANOR TIMBONE** ..... Marketing  
North Easton, MA

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NUTRITION FOR HUMAN PERFORMANCE**

**ZACHARY ISAIAH SCOTT** .....Nutrition for Human Performance  
Port Saint Lucie, FL

## **MASTER OF SCIENCE IN PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

**PAULA KATHERINE MONTOYA LEAL** ..... Project Management  
Bogota, Colombia

**NICHOLAS LINO GASPAROTTO MORRA** ..... Project Management  
Toronto, Canada

**FARUK PISKIN** ..... Project Management  
Istanbul, Turkey

**JAIME ARMANDO VIVES DANGOND** ..... Project Management  
Santa Marta, Columbia

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN REHABILITATION SCIENCE

**JUSTIN TYLER BROY** ..... Rehabilitation Science  
Steep Falls, ME

**ISABELLA R. FERNANDEZ**..... Rehabilitation Science  
South Weymouth, MA

**JARED PAUL FORD** ..... Rehabilitation Science  
Waltham, MA

**ALEXANDRA GRACE FOSTER**..... Rehabilitation Science  
Lyme, CT

**JEWEL NAOMI McCANTS** ..... Rehabilitation Science  
Bluffton, SC

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Sanford, ME

**LEXUS SAKDA SOURIYAVONG**..... Rehabilitation Science  
Old Forge, PA

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SPORT MANAGEMENT

**MICHAEL ANTHONY BARBIERI**..... Athletic Administration  
Enfield, CT

**ETHAN BERNARDO** ..... Athletic Administration  
Pawtucket, RI

**RAYMOND OVERTON BRUNO**..... Athletic Administration, Sport Leadership  
East Walpole, MA

**TAYLOR CONWAY** ..... Data Analytics  
North Kingstown, RI

**ASHLEY MARIE DiBATTISTA** ..... Sport Leadership  
Plantsville, CT

**CHRISTOPHER JOHN FRAIOLI** ..... Athletic Administration  
Norwood, MA

**KERRIE LYNN FRANCIS** ..... Parks and Recreation  
North Attleboro, MA

**MEGAN GERBER**..... Sport Leadership  
Clifton Heights, PA

**COLIN M. HARTY** ..... Athletic Administration  
Plymouth, MA

**MITCHELL JAMES HAYES**..... Athletic Administration  
Barnstable, MA

**BRAE LAMONTAGNE**..... Sport Tourism and Hospitality  
Newto, MA

**JONATHAN MARTINEZ**..... Sport Leadership  
Stony Point, NY

**CHRISTINA MARYE MCCARTHY**..... Parks and Recreation  
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**PATRICK MULHERN**..... Sport Leadership  
East Pembroke, MA

**DANIEL TEKLAY TAZELE**..... Athletic Administration  
Hyde Park, MA

**JULIE MARIE TICE**..... Sport Leadership  
Philadelphia, PA

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL SCIENCE

**LIHI KADOSH**..... Medical Science  
Brookline, MA

**KATHERINE LOPEZ-TAPIA**..... Medical Science  
Medford, NY

**AISSATOU A. MONTI**..... Medical Science  
Princeton, MA

**CHAD ERIC-STEVEN SALTER**..... Medical Science  
Mount Vernon, NY

*Students were required to submit information for this program by March 2024; information printed here is accurate as of April 1, 2024. Any changes to graduation eligibility, Latin honors, names, etc. made after that date are not reflected here. This program is not an official record and is for ceremonial purposes only; graduates who meet requirements will receive an official diploma and transcript upon completion of their degree.*



## ALMA MATER

Firmly bound by bonds unbroken—  
Love for old Lasell—  
Take we now a pledge outspoken,  
E'er to guard her well.

Alma Mater, Fidelitas!  
Pledge, all, for loyalty!  
Sing we now before we part,  
We'll ever faithful be.

Bright school days are quickly past;  
Enjoy them while you may.  
Mem'ries still shall them outlast,  
When we are far away.

Alma Mater, Fidelitas!  
Pledge, all, for loyalty—  
Sing we now before we part,  
We'll ever faithful be.





# HISTORY OF ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic “costumes” date back to medieval English custom when kings’ courts were closely associated with Oxford University and there was a deep connection with the church. The elaborate vestments identify the degrees, disciplines, and levels of achievement of the wearer. In the United States, the Intercollegiate Commission set the standards for academic costumes in 1894.

For bachelor’s or master’s degrees, the color of the gown is black with no trim. The doctor’s gown is faced down the front in black velvet with three bars of the same across the sleeves. The color code is the same for all degrees; however, the width of the hood edging, hood length, and sleeve style vary. The doctor’s hood has edging 5-inches wide, a 4-foot hood length, and full, round sleeves. The master’s hood edging is 3-inches wide, and the hood is 3.5-foot long with long pointed sleeves. The bachelor’s hood edging is 2-inches wide, the hood measures 3 feet, and the sleeves are full-length square. The colors of the satin lining of the hood indicate the particular college or university that awarded the degree. Tassels for caps for all degrees may be black, with the exception of gold, which is most often worn for the doctor’s degree.

## **A SELECTED LIST OF COLORS FOLLOWS:**

Arts, Letters, Humanities, Sociology – White

Business, Commerce, Accounting – Drab

Education – Light Blue

Fine Arts – Brown

Health and Physical Science – Sage Green

Law – Purple

Library Science – Lemon

Mathematics/Science – Golden Yellow

Nursing – Apricot

Philosophy – Dark Blue

Social Science – Citron

Theology – Scarlet

# HISTORY OF THE LASSELL UNIVERSITY BANNERS

The Lasell University banners exemplify the rich tapestry of the institution. Class banners vary greatly with color, motto, and pattern chosen by each individual class. These banners have been a part of the University’s history since 1854. Early banners were typically designed with shields in red, white, and blue bearing class mottos; later, some were made of silk and occasionally embroidered. Class banners frequently provide insight into world events at the time of graduation. Many of Lasell’s banners have been preserved in the University’s Winslow Archives. Today, we proudly add the banner for the Class of 2024 to the collection as a way to proclaim the long and storied history of Lasell University.

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## **EX OFFICIO MEMBERS**

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Jeffrey Simon, Chair, Lasell Village Board of Trustees  
Eric M. Turner, H '13, President, Lasell University

# THE HISTORY OF LASELL UNIVERSITY

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Lasell is a 173-year-old innovative educational institution and dynamic environment that embraces challenges and forges direct connections with professional outcomes so that students in pursuit of bachelor's and master's degrees, in addition to professional certifications, are prepared to thrive in the 21st century.

Founded in 1851 as the Auburndale Female Seminary, Lasell was the first two-year college for women in the United States at a time when women faced limited educational opportunities. The school was renamed Lasell Junior College in 1932, and evolved into a four-year institution — Lasell College — in 1989. In 1997, Lasell became coeducational and shortly after, established Lasell Village, an on-campus continuing-care retirement community focused on lifelong education and intergenerational collaboration. The institution's first graduate programs were launched in 2003.

In 2019, Lasell College became Lasell University. This latest chapter in our history is not a destination or an end point. Rather, it is part of an ongoing evolution that started in 1851 and continues to this day. In this unprecedented time of change, Lasell has flexed to meet profound new challenges in higher education and for those who seek its benefits.

Founder Edward Lasell strongly believed that students should be well-versed in both the liberal arts and the practical aspects of everyday life; in fact, early ads for the Seminary spoke of the school's unique curricular approach of blending theory and practice. Today, we call this Connected Learning. Our educational philosophy has modernized with the times, but at its core, has always been about learning through immersive intellectual and professional experiences.



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